

Louisiana Debris Management Policy Working Group

Our next meeting date will be on **Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.** at DEQ Galvez Building in room 1051 (note room change for this month) on the 10th Floor. The meeting length is set for one (1) hour. Lunch will not be provided. We will review comment submitted for revising the Debris Plan.

Note: the meetings will be held once a month on the second Thursday of each month, and we will be sending out email reminders as the date nears with additional information. Future meeting dates are set for January 8, 2009, February 12, 2009, March 12, 2009, and April 9, 2009.

These meetings are open to anyone who wants to participate in shaping and developing DEQ debris management policy. We will endeavor to maintain the transparency of this process to enable everyone committed to Louisiana to be the solution.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Louisiana Debris Management Policy Working Group is to develop and implement, through sound environmental practices, innovative business solutions which will result in measurable reductions of solid waste being disposed of in Louisiana landfills.

Recycling Business Options and Debris Reduction Vendors for Parishes to Consider

One of the goals of the working group is to provide options for consistent, predictable, and manageable debris recovery options across the state that forward the policy of the maximum reduction of debris prior to final disposal into a landfill. In particular, the position of DEQ on the statutory 50% reduction of vegetative debris prior to final disposal is that it is a floor, not a ceiling. If we partner together, business, local governments, and concerned citizens, we can endeavor to fully maximize all possible reductions. The Debris Management Plan promotes reduction of the debris stream utilizing chipping, grinding, burning, recycling or other methodologies. It promotes conservation and management by ensuring that adequate capacity exists for disposal and management of disaster-generated debris, including that generated by development and repopulation by businesses and residents.

As of September 15, 2008, it was estimated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers computer modeling that 11 million cubic yards of debris has been generated by Hurricane Gustav, state-wide, and that 1.1 million cubic yards of debris has been generated by Hurricane Ike in Louisiana. As of December 3, 2008, FEMA is reporting 9.9 million cubic yards of debris remover and only 2% remaining.

To meet the statutory mandate and DEQ's policy goals set forth in the Comprehensive Plan for Disaster Clean-Up and Debris Management of reduction, conservation and management relative to debris management, the following list of vendors are provided in order to help in the recovery process concerning the recycling and beneficial use of vegetative debris associated with the Hurricanes:

Composting & Grinding Vendors

Air Curtain Destructor Vendors

[Potential Recyclers of C&D Materials in Louisiana](#) (Building Materials Reuse Association)

If you or your organization/company are able to help the State meet its goals for debris reduction, please contact Robert Thomas at 225-219-3070, or by email at robert.thomas@la.gov to be added to the above vendor lists.

DISCLAIMER - The above lists are based solely upon information received from the vendor. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has not conducted an inquiry and does not endorse or promote any vendor on these lists and does not provide any warranty whatsoever. Please contact the vendor directly to inquire about services, prices, availability, qualifications, etc. All vendors should be vetted with the Federal Excluded Parties List A list of “disbarred contractors.” <https://www.epls.gov>.